जाता है । जब तक कोई नया विश्व कैलेण्डर सामान्यतः स्वीकार और लागू नहीं किया जाता तब तक शासकीय प्रयोजनों के लिए अन्य देशों में प्रचलित ग्रिगोरियन कैलेण्डर का प्रयोग जारी रखना आवश्यक है ताकि भ्रांति उत्पन्न न हो ।

Fire in a Chemicals Godown in Delhi

1760. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH:

SHRI J. P. GOYAL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whehter it is a fact that recently some persons died following a devastating fire in a godown stocking unauthorised chemicals situated in the congested locality of Khari Baoli, Delhi;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have made any inquiry into the unauthorised stocks of chemicals in the congested locality and also to know if hazardous substances are stocked in other buildings endangering the lives of the people; if so, what is the outcome thereof; and

(d) what is the machinery to check unauthorised stocking of hazardous chemicals in congested localities and whether any responsibilty for laxitly in the enforcement of the rules has been fixed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) and (b) In this incident of fire on 23-6-87, in the premises located in Khari Baoli, 4 persons lost their lives.

(c) and (d) A case under section 285/336/346/304-A IPC has been registered at the Police Station Lahori Gate.

The Lt. Governor, Delhi has also ordered an administrative review, to be conducted by the Commissioner, Municipal Corporation of Delhi into the fire incident and other related matters and suggest remedial measures.

"मानक आशुलिपिक" नामक पुस्तक की अनुपलब्धता

1761. **श्री सुनील कुमार पट्टनायक :** क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि मानक आशुलिपिक नामक पुस्तक सरकारी प्रकाशन केन्द्रों पर और खुले बाजार में भी पिछले कई महीनों से उपलब्ध नहीं हैं ;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि निजी प्रकाशक इस पुस्तक को अत्यधिक कीमत पर बेच रहे हैं ;

(ग) क्या सरकार शीघ्र ही कुछ ऐसे प्रभावी उपाय करने का विचार रखती है जिससे कि मानक आशुलिपिक नामक पुस्तक हिन्दी आशुलिपि के विद्यार्थियों को सरकारी प्रकाशन केन्द्रों पर और खुले बाजार में उपलब्ध हो सके ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो ऐसा कब तक किया जायेगा और यदि नहीं तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री चिन्तामणि पाणिग्रही) : (क) प्राप्त सूचना के अनुसार "मानक आशुलिपि" नामक पुस्तक की कुछ प्रतियां भारत सरकार के प्रकाशन विभाग, सिविल लाईन्स, दिल्ली में उपलब्ध है । यह सच है कि इस पुस्तक की प्रतियां प्रकाशन विभाग के अन्य बिक्री केन्द्रों पर और खुले बाजार में उपलब्ध नहीं हैं ।

(ख) इस संबंध में इस विभाग को कोई शिकायत नहीं मिली है ।

(ग) और (घ) मानक आशुलिपि की पुस्तक हिन्दी शिक्षण योजना के अन्तर्गत हिन्दी आशुलिपि के प्रशिक्षणार्थियों के प्रशिक्षण के लिए निर्धारित की गई है ।

समय-समय पर यह पुस्तक राजभाषा विभाग द्वारा सरकारी प्रेस में छपवाई जाती है। चूंकि यह पुस्तक हिन्दी शिक्षण योजना के अन्तर्गत हिन्दी आशुलिपि के प्रशिक्षणार्थियों के लिए ही निर्धारित की गई है अत: इस पुस्तक को खुले बाजार में उपलब्ध कराने की आवश्यकता नहीं है। किन्तु हिन्दी शिक्षण योजना के टंकण/आशुलिपि केन्द्रों पर तथा प्रकाशन विभाग के बिक्री केन्द्रों पर इस पुस्तक को उपलब्ध कराने की आवश्यकता है। इन स्थानों पर इस पुस्तक को उपलब्ध कराने के लिए इसकी अधिक प्रतियां छपवाने के आदेश सरकारी प्रेस को दे दिए गए हैं।

Amount spent for renovation by Delhi Municipal Corporation

1762. SHRI RAM NARESH KUSHAWAHA:

SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the estimated amount spent by the Delhi Municipal Corporation on the renovation of offices/residences of the senior officers of the Corporation, Municipal Commissioner and the Mayor during the last two years and the estimated amount likely to be spent on the renovation works in hand, workwise; and

(b) what is the parameter, if any, for spending money on such works?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) Only additions/alterations and not renovations are carried out.

The amount spent for additions/alterations in the offices was Rs. 36.599 during 1985-86 and Rs. 3.42 lakhs, during the year 1986-87. During the current financial year, an amount of Rs. 2.42 lakhs has already been spent and some minor works amounting to Rs. 31,600/- are in hand.

For carrying out special repairs, in the houses of senior officers of MCD, an amount of Rs. 5.30 lakhs has been spent.

The present Commissioner is residing in Central Government accommodation.

The house allotted to the Mayor of Delhi was in dilapidated condition and an amount of Rs. 2.88 lakhs was spent on repairs and for making the house more secure.

(b) Additions /alternations /special repairs are carried out to the extent necessary.

Safety consciousness in Industries

1763. SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item under the caption "India one of least Safety conscious" appearing in 'The Telegraph' dated the 8th July, 1987; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government to the observations made therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government attach great importance to ensuring safety in work places. The Factories Act, 1948 which lays down provisions for safety in factories has recently been amended in order to provide for special safeguards in regard to hazardous substances and to lay down emergency standards and measures. The penal provisions have also been made more stringent.

The article has, *inter-alia*, alleged that lack of safety brackets for holding cups in crew basins in air craft has led to accidents. Moreover, lack of maintenance of safety latches in cabinets containing meal tray carriers in